

What is claimed is:

1. A recording medium playback apparatus comprising of a determining unit making a determination as to the presence or absence of an error wherein, when  
5 character code for text data recorded on a recording medium is a double-byte character code, if only one of two bytes forming the double-byte character code at present check position coincides with a predetermined special code, said determining unit determines that an  
10 error has occurred.
2. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a repeating unit updating said check position and causing said determining unit to repeat said determination.
- 15 3. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
a plurality of tracks of audio playback digital data are further recorded on said recording medium,  
said text data is recorded in  
20 corresponding relationship to each track of said audio playback digital data, and  
said special code is a null code indicating a track separation.
- 25 4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an output unit outputting characters corresponding to said text data recorded on said recording medium, wherein  
when it is determined by said determining unit that abnormal data has occurred, said output unit  
30 stops outputting said characters.
5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a changing unit changing a character separating position for reading said double-byte character code when it is determined by said determining unit that abnormal data has occurred.  
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6. A recording medium playback apparatus comprising:

a character position detecting unit  
detecting a character position for at least one of the  
character codes contained in text data recorded on a  
recording medium; and

5                   a determining unit determining that  
abnormal data is recorded, if said character position  
detected by said character position detecting unit  
contradicts character position information recorded on  
said recording medium.

10           7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein  
a plurality of tracks of audio playback  
digital data are further recorded on said recording  
medium,

said text data is recorded in  
15           corresponding relationship to each track of said audio  
playback digital data, and

said character position is a character  
position within a string of characters recorded in each  
track.

20           8. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further  
comprising an output unit outputting characters  
corresponding to said text data recorded on said  
recording medium, wherein

when it is determined by said determining  
25           unit that abnormal data has occurred, said output unit  
stops outputting said characters.

9. An apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further  
comprising a changing unit changing a character  
separating position for reading a double-byte character  
30           code when it is determined by said determining unit that  
abnormal data has occurred.